

TNG Member News December 2019

End of year Celebration and final working bee, Sunday December 15th.

Our final working bee for 2019 is from 2.00-3.30 pm. On Sunday. We will stop work early for a shared afternoon tea, sharp at 3.30pm. This will give time for anyone to move on to St Lukes for the BBQ and Carols on the Lawn. (BBQ 5pm, carols to follow.)

Water Restrictions

Stage one water restrictions will be introduced on December 20th.

What does this mean for TNG?

Plots (including community plots) can be watered with hand held hoses or watering cans at any time.

Sprinklers (ie manual watering systems requiring a tap to be turned on) can only be used between the hours of 6am and 8am and between the hours of 8pm and 10pm.

A committee member will change the timing on our automatic perimeter watering system to operate within the guidelines.

The committee requests all members to follow the Stage one restrictions by using **only hand held hose or watering can on plots**. If using a sprinkler, use only between the allowed times, and use only the small sprinklers which cast a low stream.

Best watering practice is to water near the ground level, rather than to spray water over leaves.

Please do not leave an unattended hose dripping onto a particular tree or plant. Recently a running hose was forgotten, resulting in a quagmire and wastage of water over more than a 24 hour period before it was noticed.

Always turn off water AT THE TAP, and not at the hand held nozzle. Turn off taps FIRMLY and rewind hose onto hanger.

Entrance Way

Member Lorne Kriwoken and builder Phil Hesketh have been working away, mainly on Sundays to complete the new entrance way. Work is now approaching completion. Thank you Lorne, Phil and Tina.

The photo at the bottom shows Phil and Lorne at work recently.

Trace elements

There appear to be some mineral deficiencies in some areas of the garden. There is a container of trace elements on the shelf in the shed. Use as directed on the enclosed packet instructions.

Mulching

The committee recommends mulching of plots to reduce moisture loss. There is still some lucerne hay if members would like to use it to mulch, and we hope to obtain more soon. Keep an eye on the resource bays behind the shed.

Annual Subs for 2020 due in January

Subs remain unchanged. Full plot membership=\$60, Concession =\$30 (Low income health care card holders only), Associate \$10. How to pay? See <https://taroonatastas.au/neighbourhood-garden/how-to-pay/>

Vale Roger Steedman

We are sad to note the passing of a long time member and past committee member Roger and send our condolences to Keir and family.

Finally.....thank you...

Thank you to so many of you who contribute to the smooth running and great appearance of the garden.....people who mow, make compost, order resources, clean up the community areas, take rubbish and weeds to the tip, fix broken stuff, prune, weed, shift stuff around, tend trees.....

The garden is looking great!

Notes

From Tas Water website: <https://www.taswater.com.au/News/Outages---Alerts/Water-Restrictions/Water-Restrictions>

Garden and lawn watering is allowed on any day during the following times:

- Manual watering systems* can only be used between the hours of 6am and 8am and between the hours of 8pm and 10pm
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between the hours of midnight and 4am
- Handheld hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.
- *Manual watering systems are those that physically require a tap to be turned on, this includes taps with shut off timers.



Phil Hesketh and Lorne at work on The New Entrance, November 2019